

ONWARD IS THE WORD

The Editors Proceed Through the
Teeming West,

VIEWING ITS MANY WONDERS

Prof. Svensberg Describes the Wealth
of the Great Wheat Region and
Acknowledges Hospitality.

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Fort Benton is situated at the head of the Missouri river navigation. Here the mighty stream flows the first real freedom of the plains. The Great Northern railroad leaves the river banks at this point, in order to ascend the Milk river valley, then again meets the river at a short distance beyond Fort Buford. The junction of the Yellowstone with the Missouri is now in full view. Here we made a short halt for general observation, of great value as well as pleasure, long to be remembered. Onward we sped along the Poplar river, a most interesting point to the student of ethnology. Here, too, is located an Indian agency. The train halts for a few moments to give our party a chance to view one of the largest schools for Indian children in the United States. It is the only point in the northwest where there is such a school in close proximity to a railroad station.

The Devil's Lake.

The great Devil's lake of the northwest has many peculiar and distinguished features of interest. It is a great dead inland sea, situated in the heart of the continent. Though but fifty miles long, yet so numerous are its indentations and so winding is the rocky and sandy beach, that it gives a measurement of over 150 miles of shoreline. The water of this dead sea has a saline flavor, and in specific gravity, color and flavor, approaches that of the ocean green. The lake contains many wooded islands, and its main shore is fringed with beautiful little groves, some of which we passed through in carriage in order to reach the steamboat landing, because of its former stage of water having been lowered over five feet during the past five years, which prevents the steamers coming within three miles of the city.

There is but one variety of fish found in this lake, which is the great lustrous pickerel. These are rarely less than two feet in length, and range in weight from eight to twenty pounds. Here, more than 2,000 miles from the nearest ocean point, one can indulge in imitation sea bathing.

Three steamers and many yachts and sailboats navigate the lake, the former making daily trips from three miles below the city from Devil's lake to Fort Totten and the Cat Head Sioux Indian agency on the southern banks of the lake. Fort Totten has been made a port for invalids on account of the healthfulness of this region. The Indians at and about this post number about one thousand. Devil's Lake City was built on the eastern point of the lake and took its name from that body of water. It was the intention of the promoters to build a great city here. The Great Northern was directed toward that point. But the peculiar ways of even the waters, as well as the earth and its inhabitants are beyond understanding. Devil's lake took a notion to go back on its namesake and the great road which came to honor it, but this is only human.

Wonderful Changes.

The country we have now gone over and partially described was but a few years ago inhabited by the savages and wild beasts. Here were the most magnificent of hunting grounds, which the most imaginative romancer need not have exaggerated. Attracted by the most luxuriant vegetation, the whole valley was the rendezvous of countless herds of buffalo, and myriads of most valuable other wild animals and fowls, bears, wolves, elk, moose, antelope, different species of deer, beaver, otter, marten, musk, swan, turkey, geese, ducks, prairie chickens, partridges, grouse, in fact every variety of birds and beast known to us.

It is but a few years ago when it took a man three days, going horseback, at the rate of thirty-five miles a day, to pass through a solid mass of herding buffalo. Today these plains are covered with their bleached bones. At Minot

lie hundreds of tons piled up along each side of the railroad track, ready for shipment to the east, there to be used for sugar refining and fertilizing purposes. The Indians travel all over these wide plains, gathering in the bones of the animals which but a few years ago they slaughtered by the thousands for their hides of but little value to them. Then the white hunter heads went there from every point of earth's compass to aid in the inhuman act of destruction.

A few years ago, especially between the years of '72 and '82, no less than four millions of buffalo were slaughtered in Dakota and adjoining states and territories, simply for their hides at from 50 cents to \$2 apiece, while their wholesome and delicious meat was left on the prairies for beasts and fowls, and to decay and taint the air. Now the government which allowed such unholly warfare to go on against the harmless and defenseless animals, is offering through the managers of zoological gardens \$1,000 a head for the smallest calf or cow, and from that up.

Antelope were slaughtered with as much abundance as domestic animals, and their flesh would satisfy the most dainty palate. The only reminder of the noble buffalo is the occasional rubbing stone and the thousands of old beaten trails which usually run north and south. We cannot help but think that a great sin was committed when those animals were so unmercifully slaughtered.

Moose River Valley.

The Moose river valley was one of the great grazing grounds. The river itself is one of the crookedest in the country. It has but little water now to what it had in former years. The country was very dry at the time of our passing, everything burned to a crisp, not a spear of green grass to be seen. Once in many miles, here and there, was seen a little bunch of green, called the bunch grass, on which the stock seems to live and thrive. We met with many surprises as to rivers and lakes. "See that beautiful lake beyond," we would remark to one of our northwestern fellow passengers, and the answer would be, "Yes, sir; it was once a lake, but there has been no water in its basin during the past three or four years." "That," we exclaimed, "No water, why, look at the white sand beach, the foam of the waves, the whitecaps, the motion of the water itself." We listened to an explanation of the conditions of these supposed lakes, and find that all we saw was only deception and delusion. Instead of natural water it was alkali; yet there was the natural appearance of water, and water motion.

Williston is the first point where the Great Northern strikes the Missouri river going west. Here it may properly be called the "Big Muddy." It still retains some of its swift and rapid current from the northwest, and we are in full view of sculptured masses of stone, though more of clay, which worn by rain, frost and wind, have shaped themselves into fantastical terraces of hard-ened clay, rocky domes and minarets. As we drew near the rich productive valley of the Red river of the north, the sun poured floods of light upon the waving fields of grain and nodding heads of flowers. So perfect was the clearing of the air that the minutest details of objects could be discerned miles away. Our course turns eastward still, into the rich and fertile valley of the Red.

Grand Forks.

We now approach the river, and on its west bank lies the beautiful, prosperous city of Grand Forks, the coming city of North Dakota. A day was most profitably and interestingly spent with old Ohio friends, classmates at Oberlin college. We were told that under the forty-eight parallel line, which young city, rapidly growing in population, influence and wealth. The neighboring growing wheat fields encroached upon this town of future wealth. In the environs of the city is located the University of North Dakota, a well built and excellent managed institution and with fine prospects ahead. Having taken the run up from Fargo along the west side banks of the Red, we concluded to cross the river at Grand Forks into Minnesota by way of another road, which takes one through the most beautiful section of that state.

A visit was paid to the great Dalrymple farm. Oliver Dalrymple years ago demonstrated the fact that the great plan of the Red river valley was not an unproductive waste, but as rich as the valley on the Nile. The trip to America's grain ocean is not among the least of the many attractions offered, and it was by us greatly enjoyed.

We refer again with pleasure to Mr. and Mrs. Dalrymple's treatment, as on a previous occasion, in adding greatly to our pleasure and general information. Here is a level plain, reaching unbroken to the horizon in every direction, level as the ocean in a calm, with soil peculiar to itself, black as ink and

sticky as glue, where, in season, fields of waving wheat extend to the limit of human vision. Farming operations are there carried on in a business-like way by hundreds of men and teams, reaping and thrashing the ripened wheat and princely grain estates. Here can be seen from five to twenty-five reapers following one another upon fields so large that but one round trip can be made from early morn to noon. Here can be viewed the grain elevators, clustering around the railway sidings, of such capacity for storage (even in the smallest hamlet) that would do credit to a great city of the east. One is scarcely ever out of sight of these gigantic grain houses, which are noted landmarks in every direction. We were kindly driven over the great ocean fields by Mrs. Dalrymple in her handsome turnout, and the good lady took pains to fully explain.

C. G. S.

Burial Permits.

George Harvey, Comstock Farm, Valley City. Mary Van Waaanders, No. 22 King street, Valley City. James L. Butler, No. 324 Turner street, St. Andrews. Hannah Dodge, No. 68 Park avenue, Fulton street, Simon Lorbet, No. 285 West Bridge street, Greenwood.

Died.

MATTHE—April 15, 1903. Mrs. August Matthe of No. 32 Webster street, aged 32 years. Funeral Monday at 2 p.m.

DORAN—Miss Hattie Doran, aged 24 years, daughter of John and Anna Doran of No. 12 Schumaker place. Funeral at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning at the family residence.

No mirror ever yet threw back
A more repulsive sight,
Than teeth that are decayed and
black;

Or one more pure and bright
Than rows of pearls, that all may
vaunt
Who put their faith in SOZODONT.

OPENS TUESDAY.

Heyman Company's Elegant Quarters—
Some of the Features of the Opening Day.

Elsewhere is the opening announcement of the Heyman company new furniture emporium, and any one that reads the advertisement will find many choice bits of interesting information, that might prove of some benefit. As is announced, the Heyman company hold their first grand reception in their new quarters, one door south of their old premises, next Tuesday afternoon from 2 o'clock to 5, and in the evening from 7 to 9 o'clock. Many very enjoyable features will be arranged to make the affair all the more interesting for the visitor. Prominent among them will be Wurzburg's full orchestra, which will be located on the ground floor, and Miss Maude Hughes, who has kindly consented to add her mite towards helping the hosts receive their thousands of friends, will render her services on the second floor. Miss Kittie Dolan, the popular piano soloist, will aid materially in making the event a success. She will be found on the third floor. The Heyman company promise each lady and gentleman caller Tuesday a \$500 life policy, a very costly and most desirable gift. You are cordially invited to be present Tuesday at the Heyman company's opening.

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THOSE THAT HAVE tried Burnham's Clam Bouillon think it is great. For sale at Dettenthaler's.

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A FINE 35 POUND hair mattress at \$12.50, is only one of the hundreds of great values to be had at Nelson, Matter & Co.'s great annual clearance furniture sale.

All Royal Arcanumites of Bryant, Valley City and Grand Rapids councils are requested to rally at the hall of Bryant council, in McMullen's block, on Monday evening next to make arrangements to attend the public meeting of

the Grand council at Muskegon on Tuesday evening. A special car can be had at low rates. To leave here at 6 o'clock and return about 12 o'clock, if there are fifty persons to go.

M. R. Mellis, Regent.

A. T. Stevens, Secretary.

Closing Hop.

After a very successful season W. R. S. Matheson will close his dancing academy with a waltz party Friday evening, April 21.

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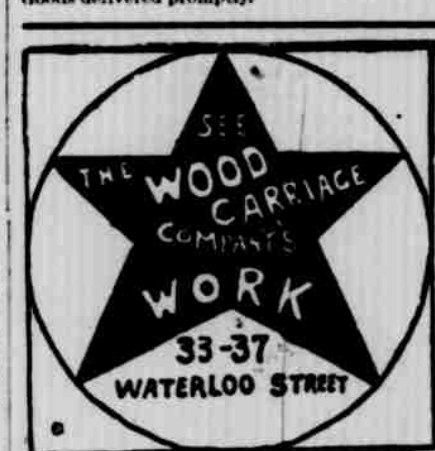


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